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Michihiko ICHINOSE

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND PACKAGING METHOD THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. H6-62382, published September 2, 1994.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing


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concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated April 9, 2003 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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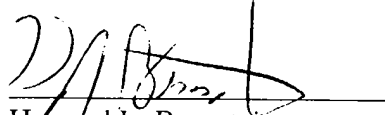


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With respect to the fact that the test area is placed more on the inside than the mounting area, since this is found to be merely a matter of circuit design that can be determined appropriately by person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains as necessary (as indicated, for example, in the CD-ROM of Japanese Utility Model Application H5-8358 (Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Application H6-62382) (referring especially to the "test pad 3" and "connection pads 7a and 7b" in Figures 1 and 2)), we cannot accept the assertions made in the Applicant's Written Argument.